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Deputy Mayor Hails Decision To Keep Broadway Complex Off BRAC List

Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins praised the vote taken earlier today by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to keep the Broadway Complex off this year's base closure list.

"Today's vote by BRAC to allow the city and the Navy to move forward to develop a long-term redevelopment plan for the Broadway Complex is a major victory for our region," said Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins. "San Diegans can feel good about the outcome of this year's hearings, which saw no major military installation closures here. I can't say enough about the great job our local team did to make sure this site stayed off the list."

The unanimous vote of the commission, which will be finalized Saturday at the conclusion of the base closure hearings, gives the City of San Diego and the Navy 16 months to enter into a long-term lease that provides for the redevelopment of the site. If a new lease is not agreed to by January 1, 2007, the Broadway Complex would then be added to the BRAC closure list.

"Although our work is cut out for us to pull together a long-term lease agreement in a relatively short amount of time, I'm confident that the city, CCDC and the Navy can all work together to achieve this mutual goal," said Atkins. "I've been assured that our elected officials in Washington, specifically Senator Feinstein and Congressmembers Davis and Hunter, have also pledged their support and assistance to make sure we meet the prescribed time line."

San Diego received additional good news with BRAC's announcement of the closure of Naval Station Ingleside in Texas. The Mine Warfare Command and 10 mine countermeasure ships currently at Ingleside will be relocated to San Diego. Conservatively, 100 jobs and \$2 million in economic impact, per ship, will be coming to San Diego. Additionally, the intermediate-level maintenance for these ships is worth approximately \$50 million to the region.

"The decision to move this command and these ships to San Diego to join the fleet here makes perfect sense, considering the surface ships, submarines, helicopters and Navy labs specializing in advanced technology areas such as sonar that are already located here," said Atkins. "The synergy created by linking up these countermeasure ships with the Pacific Fleet is a positive development for

our military and a great opportunity for our region."

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